

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, May 3, 1999.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2792. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Department of Agriculture Livestock Price Reporting Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2793. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to 1998 Marketing Quotas and Price Support Levels for various types of tobacco (RIN0560-AF2066), received April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2794. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dairy Indemnity Payment Program" (RIN0560-AF66), received April 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2795. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "End-Use Certificate Program" (RIN0560-AF64) and "Livestock Assistance Program" (RIN0560-AF58), received April 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

EC-2796. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program" (RIN0560-AF46), received April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2797. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Collection of Recapture Amount for Borrowers with Certain Shared Appreciation Agreements" (RIN0560-AF80), received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2798. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the New England and Other Marketing Areas; Decision on Proposed Amendments to Marketing Agreements and to Orders-DA-97-12" (RIN0581-AB49), re-

ceived April 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2799. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Revision of Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. FV99-981-1-FR), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2800. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches" (Docket No. FV-99-916-2-FR), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2801. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV99-932-1-FR), received April 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2802. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines and Tangelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirement for Red Seedless Grapefruit" (Docket No. FV99-905-1-FIR), received April 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2803. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, the report of an audit of the settlements of complaints of discrimination; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2804. A communication from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "7 CFR Part 801, Official Testing Service for Corn Oil, Protein and Starch" (RIN0580-AA62), received April 12, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2805. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Reclassification of Regulated Areas" (RIN0579-AA83), received April 29, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2806. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "WIC/Food Stamp Program (FSP) Vendor Disqualifications" (RIN0584-AC50), received April 1, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2807. A communication from the Under Secretary, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Processing Requests for Farm Labor Housing (LH) Loans and Grants" (RIN0575-AC19), received April 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2808. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of six rules relative to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996, received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2809. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules relative to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996, received April 12, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2810. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules relative to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996, received April 14, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2811. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules relative to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996, received March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2812. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules relative to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996, received April 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2813. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules and the withdrawal of a rule relative to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996, received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2814. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Relations, Smithsonian Institution, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Proceedings of the One Hundred and Seventh Continental Congress" of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2815. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trichoderma Harzianum KRL-AG2 (ATCC #20947) or Strain T-22; Revision of Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (RIN2070-AB78), received on April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2816. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beauveria bassiana (ATC #74949); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (RIN2070-AB78), received on April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2817. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clopyralid; extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (RIN2070-AB78), received on April 6, 1999; to

the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2818. A communication from the Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to the procurement list, received April 26, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2819. A communication from the Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions and deletions to the procurement list, received April 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2820. A communication from the Auditor, District of Columbia transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of the Department of Public Works' Monitoring and Oversight of the Ticket Processing and Delinquent Ticket Debt Collection Contracts"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2821. A communication from the Independent Counsel transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the investigations and prosecutions of former Secretary of Agriculture Espy; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2822. A communication from the Director Designee, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service transmitting a report relative to the Inspector General Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-70. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, in 1993, Congress passed legislation authorizing the building of a national World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., or its immediate environs; and

Whereas, under the provisions of the Commemorative Works Act, a construction permit must be obtained from the Secretary of the Interior within 7 years of the legislation authorizing the construction of the World War II Memorial, that is, by May 2000; and

Whereas the World War II Memorial shall be funded by private contributions, as specified in federal law, including corporate and foundation giving, veterans groups, associations, and individual donations; and

Whereas the capital campaign goal of the World War II Memorial project is \$100 million, of which approximately \$38 million has been received thus far; and

Whereas, before a construction permit will be issued, the final design must be approved and all funds for construction of the World War II Memorial must be on hand; and

Whereas, in consideration of the approaching May 2000 deadline, the honor, courage, and memory of every veteran who served in World War II shall be more appropriately served, and the gratitude of a nation more fully expressed, by expediting the construction process to permit construction of the World War II Memorial to begin immediately; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate:*

That the honor and achievements of all World War II veterans shall be best served by allowing for the construction of the World War II Memorial to begin immediately; and

That Congress undertake any and all appropriate action, legislative or otherwise, to

permit the construction process for the World War II Memorial to begin immediately; and

That copies of this resolution, signed by the president of the senate, be forwarded by the senate clerk to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-71. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5021

Whereas, Nearly 700,000 United States troops, including 7,500 Kansans, deployed to the Persian Gulf region in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait; and

Whereas, Federal research efforts have not yet identified the prevalence, patterns, causes or treatments for illnesses by Gulf War veterans; and

Whereas, Nationwide, very few Gulf War veterans who have applied for disability compensation for undiagnosed illnesses from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs have received compensation; and

Whereas, The Kansas Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Initiative has surveyed 2031 Kansas Gulf War-era veterans; and

Whereas, The Kansas Gulf War Veterans Health Study preliminary results indicate that 30% of deployed veterans suffer from a complex of symptoms characterized by fatigue, joint and muscle pain, cognitive and mood disturbances, and a variable array of respiratory, gastrointestinal, neurological, skin, and auditory problems, collectively identified as Gulf War illness; and

Whereas, The Kansas Gulf War Veterans Health Study indicates that Gulf War illness occurs in identifiable patterns, including differences by areas of deployment; and

Whereas, The Kansas Gulf War Veterans Health Study indicates that among veterans who did not deploy to the Gulf War, Gulf War illness occurs at a significantly higher rate among veterans who received vaccines during that period than those who did not receive vaccines; and

Whereas, The Kansas Gulf War Veterans Health Study indicates that children of Gulf War veterans born since the war were significantly more likely to have been born with health problems, including birth defects, than children born to nondeployed veterans during the same period; and

Whereas, The Kansas Gulf War Veterans Health Study indicates that most deployed veterans with Gulf War illness continue to be employed, but 79% say their health affects their ability to work; and

Whereas, The Kansas Gulf War Veterans Health Study indicates that Kansas veterans who deployed to the Gulf War are significantly less likely to receive disability compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs than nondeployed veterans of the same era; and

Whereas, Kansas has thousands of deployable troops at facilities such as Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, McConnell Air Base, as well as reservists and members of our Kansas National Guard; and

Whereas, The results of the Kansas Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Initiative are very troubling, we must do all we can to prevent a repeat of "Gulf War illness" in any future conflict that affects our Kansas military men and women: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein,* That we, the Kansas Legislature, believe that Gulf War illness has had a severe

negative impact on the physical and emotional well-being of Gulf War veterans who honorably served Kansas and the United States; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to provide funding for Gulf War illness research independent of that administered by the United States Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs; and to establish a process of independent review of federal policies and programs associated with Gulf War illness research, benefits, and health care; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we urge the Governor of Kansas, the Secretary of Health and Environment, the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, and other appropriate state agency heads to take action to continue to investigate Gulf War illness and promote programs to inform and assist Kansas Gulf War veterans and family members suffering from Gulf War illness; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we urge our Kansas Congressional Delegation to coordinate acquisition of federal grants from the National Institute of Health (N.I.H.) or other federal sources to seek causes and cures for Gulf War illness; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we urge our Kansas Congressional Delegation to build coalitions with other states to call on Congress and the administration for action in investigating and finding answers to Gulf War illness; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we encourage our Kansas Congressional Delegation to meet with members of the Kansas Persian Gulf War Veterans Initiative to coordinate efforts on the federal level; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and to each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation; to the Governor of the State of Kansas, the Secretary of Health and Environment, the Secretary of Human Resources, and the Chairman of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs; and to the National and State Commanders of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans.

POM-72. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Finance.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States assigns certain powers and responsibilities to the Federal Government and reserves the balance of those powers and responsibilities to the individual states; and

Whereas, beginning in the 1930s when the Social Security System was established, public employees were excluded from participation; and

Whereas, many pension plans of state and local governments have elected to complement their own pension programs through coverage under the Social Security System; and

Whereas, other public pension plans, including the Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada, decided not to participate in the national Social Security System, but rather to provide their own independent and excellent programs of retirement benefits; and

Whereas, mandatory Social Security coverage of newly hired state and local governmental employees in the State of Nevada will seriously disrupt our well-founded Public Employees' Retirement System; and